



Robert J. Matter

June 26, 1959 - August 13, 2009

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Robert J. Matter passed to eternal life on Thursday, August 13, 2009, with his loving partner and best friend Gwen Diamond by his side. Robert was born near Pittsburgh, PA on June 26, 1959, to Gottfried and Johnetta Hilmes Matter. He moved to California in 1978 where he lived for a short time, and then settled in Moses Lake, WA, where he has made his home for the past 10 years or so. In his younger years he was employed by Hilmes Construction Company of Othello, and Western Pacific Engineering of Moses Lake. He was recently employed by Columbia Northwest Engineering of Moses Lake until his illness led to his disability.

Clover Clough is another life partner of 25 years who is now in Summerwood Alzheimer Unit. Robert took care of her until his death.

He is survived by his best friend and partner, Gwen Diamond of Moses Lake; four sisters, Donna Wildberger of Mich.; Deborah Bailey (Alex) , Patricia Matter, and Dianne Matter, all of Penna.; two brothers, Paul Matter (Martha) of Penna., and Mark Matter (Cheryl) of Alabama; and his father of Penna. He was preceded in death by his mother Johnetta, and a sister Barbara Kramer (Edward) of Mich., grandparents and three uncles. Also surviving are aunts and uncles dear to him and numerous cousins of the Columbian Basin area, and five nieces and six nephews.

Robert was a very special person to all who knew him. He will always remain in our thoughts and hearts. What an awesome Shining Star Robert truly was

and is.

At Robert's request there will be no funeral. He has requested that his ashes will be dispersed in his backyard where his best friend and canine companions can visit him. May his soul be without pain and rest in peace in God's Loving and most Holy Hands.

Written by Robert's Sister Debbie.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 1. 12:00 AM.

No Services Planned

Tribute Wall

GD

“ *Gwen Diamond sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert J. Matter*



Gwen Diamond - December 20, 2019 at 11:33 PM

GD

“ *Gwen Diamond lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Matter*



Gwen Diamond - December 20, 2019 at 11:32 PM

DB

“ *Ten years has gone by, yet it seems like yesterday.*

Deb Bailey - August 17, 2019 at 05:27 PM

DB

“ *Miss you so much, my dear brother! I miss hearing your voice and seeing you! I love you too!*

Deb Bailey - August 17, 2019 at 05:26 PM

GW

“ *Still missed...*



Gwen - September 24, 2018 at 03:50 PM

GD

“ *Miss your smile*

Gwendoline Diamond - March 27, 2018 at 12:20 PM

GD

“ *Gwendoline Diamond lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Matter*



Gwendoline Diamond - March 27, 2018 at 12:20 PM

DB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Deb Bailey - July 04, 2016 at 02:58 PM

DB

“ *Deb Bailey lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Matter*



Deb Bailey - July 04, 2016 at 02:57 PM

GD

“ *My friend....I miss you*



Gwen Diamond - March 29, 2016 at 07:37 PM

GW

“ *Gwen lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Matter*



Gwen - October 12, 2014 at 08:16 PM

GW

“ *Robert
you have been on my mind all day.
Love you dearly, Gwen*

Gwen - October 12, 2014 at 08:14 PM



“ miss you##imported-begin##Gwen##imported-end##

November 29, 2013 at 05:46 PM



“ Happy Birthday Bobby!
I will never forget your special day! Miss you much! Look for your second cousin, Fr. David Kraus - he may be looking for you too! God's eternal rest to you, my dear brother! Love you.##imported-begin##Debbie Bailey##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 10:14 PM



“ Bob...Happy Birthday..
Love you so much...
Thank You, for your love
Bye, for now...Gwen##imported-begin##Gwen##imported-end##

June 26, 2012 at 01:57 PM



“ Happy Birthday Bro!

Miss you, and pray that you are at peace with Our Lord!
God bless you,
Debbie##imported-begin##Debbie B##imported-end##

June 26, 2012 at 12:13 PM



“ *Happy Birthday Bobby!*
I miss you so much, I miss hearing your voice!
I pray that you are at peace with our Lord, and that you hooked up
with Mom and Barbara. Someday I pray that I will join with our
Heavenly Father and my family too!
I love you too!##imported-begin##Debbie Bailey##imported-end##

June 26, 2011 at 12:18 PM



“ *Bob, it was a pleasure working with you at CNWENG Your smile*
always made my day, You are missed alot here, but I know you are
in a better place, free of pain, and illness. May you rest easy and
may the blessing's of GOD be with you eternally.
Rosemarie.##imported-begin##Rosemarie Dowey##imported-
end##

September 02, 2009 at 02:04 PM



“ *Dear Bobo, Robert..*

I get up everyday crying.
Your Spirit surrounds me.
Being without you, is so hard.
I see you every where.
Stephen is coming from the UK on Friday.
You died thinking, I was Stephen! Maybe because of my husky
voice and British accent?
Maybe you were so, worried about me. I know you were!

I am fine..I just cry alot..

Love, Gwen##imported-begin##Gwen Diamond##imported-end##

August 25, 2009 at 06:48 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Richard & Shani Law##imported-end##

August 24, 2009 at 04:53 PM



“ My thoughts have been with Cousin Bobby and his close friends and immediate family since I heard how hard he had to fight his cancer at our 2009 Hilmes Family Reunion. I am terribly saddened to hear he lost his battle. I will always remember his quiet, caring ways and his wonderful smile. Peace be with you.##imported-begin##Kathy (Hilmes) Watanabe##imported-end##

August 23, 2009 at 05:23 PM



“ I will miss you Bob! I am so happy for you that in this life you were able to find love again after Clover with Gwen and that in the next life you are happier than any of us have ever been. My love to you and my gratitude my dear friend Bob.##imported-begin##Dawn Wambsgans##imported-end##

August 19, 2009 at 08:49 PM



“ I was so sad to hear of Bob's passing. We worked together at CNWE for many years and I remember his sweet smile. Bob always did his job well. He always took care to have his time card filled out accurately. The job numbers were always right. As the "time card lady" it was so nice to know his card would be there on time, with no errors. It made my job easier. Thank you, Bob. And it was fun to try to tease you a little and get you to laugh. You were - and are - a good man. Be happy.##imported-begin##Sherry Gabert##imported-end##

August 18, 2009 at 02:15 PM



“ Rest in peace Uncle Bobby.##imported-begin##Stephen Kramer##imported-end##

August 17, 2009 at 08:07 PM



“ I'm very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I enjoyed working w/him @ CNW Eng. He will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Conni Stevens##imported-end##

August 17, 2009 at 05:59 PM



“ Robert was a wonderful man to know. Although I only knew him for a few years, I always enjoyed working with him. His pleasant nature and kind manner blessed everyone he met, including me.##imported-begin##Edward Hall##imported-end##

August 17, 2009 at 03:38 PM



“ To the Matter Family: We did not get to see your much, but you were always in our prayers. Enjoyed seeing Bobby at the 2007 family reunion in Montana. He will be missed by all of us in Oklahoma. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.##imported-begin##Julie Hubbard (Ummel)##imported-end##

August 17, 2009 at 01:16 PM



“ Bob, in less than a year that I worked with you at CNEWE, I always looked forward to the days that you were here to see your smiling face. You always had a kind word and a smile to pass along and I appreciated you immensely. I know you are no longer in pain and are resting peacefully now. God Bless you my friend.##imported-begin##Sue Campbell##imported-end##

August 17, 2009 at 12:28 PM



“ I miss you so much.
Mr Bojangles is looking for you everywhere. Geo lays by your computer. Tara sleeps alot. Jilly looks out the window for you. I see your sweet face everywhere.
RIP my love. See you soon Bobo. Love, Gwen....Sweet Dreams!##imported-begin##Gwen Diamond##imported-end##

August 17, 2009 at 08:35 AM



“ Our hearts are with the Matter family during this time. A brother, a nephew and a cousin has been lost by all of us. May Bobby be resting in peace.##imported-begin##Rhonda Coombes##imported-end##

August 17, 2009 at 12:54 AM



“ Robert, I remember you as when we were children. May you have the peace you deserve as a child of God.

My thoughts are with all who were close with him.

Love,

LeAnne##imported-begin##LeAnne Allen##imported-end##

August 16, 2009 at 11:42 AM



“ I am saddened by cousin Bob's death. I have a few vivid memories of times the Matter family visited eastern Washington back in the 1970's, and working with "Bobby" at Hilmes Construction. The last vivid memory was a brief, but great road trip/fishing trip to the Coulee Dam area back in our early twenties. Rest in Peace Cousin.##imported-begin##Brian Hilmes##imported-end##

August 15, 2009 at 03:00 PM